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These photos of mine illustrate what I've referenced in the accompanying letter. My point is to show the forests on the field trip of the Lostine trip last June and offer another perspective; to show the logging of big rare wildlife pines in Hells Canyon National Recreation Area last spring/summer; and to show the logging up to the rim of the HCNRA of the Puderbaugh sale. None are in keeping with preserving and protecting our deepest gorge in North America and a very precious national resource.

This is the point that seems to be overlooked continually—that the Eagle Cap Wilderness and Hells Canyon National Recreation Area are national treasures that belong to all the people and deserving of leadership that understands and values them and cares for their ecological and recreation values, and considers and brings in the public in an open and transparent way.

LOSTINE FIELD TRIP, JUNE 2016



everything else clearcut.

The orange flagged tree would be left and



Left: Queens cup lily that's part of the understory
Slated for clearcut logging and heavy equipment
Close to the wilderness.

Below right: Site on field trip with lodgepole pines—the plan is to clearcut the lpp, and replace them with planted larch to change the composition. Again, this is in the wild Lostine River Corridor abutting the wilderness. The impacts from the heavy machinery are far different from the natural force of fire.



Greater than 21 inch so called "hazard" tree cut in June 2017 in the corridor—my understanding is that hundreds more of The biggest, most beautiful trees will be Cut under this guise of hazard trees— An aggressive approach never taken Before on the Lostine and significantly Changing the scenic values.

Left below: This is the tree in context of its setting—a supposed threat to the structure
In front of it—again a very questionable call
And done without documentation. This is
Just a hint of what is planned all up
And down the corridor in a cavalier
Treatment of one of the most
Scenic corridors in the U.S.



Two flagged trees to show a stand planned for another clearcut—only these two >21" DBH trees would remain. The rest would be clearcut. This is a typical wilderness scene of the Eagle Cap—it makes me think If we had not wilderness, This mentality would Be everywhere. People do

Not come to the Eagle
Cap Wilderness to walk
Through commercial logging.



Delicate orchids dot the forest floor—slated for heavy machinery and roads. The Lostine is home to many rare plants—it's a sensitive ecosystem of wet forests, mixed tree species, and significant wildlife habitat for martens, and many other species.



**UPPER IMNAHA RIVER CORRIDOR
HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA
JUNE 2016**

Here, in one of my most treasured places to camp and hike in the whole world, the Wallowa RD cut down many of the most important big wildlife ponderosa pine snags that were far from being a hazard.

It was one fell swoop without paperwork, public notice, or justification. All were over 21 inches DBH. This is the kind of heavy-handed approach occurring everywhere. Nothing appears to be sacred or valued. I wrote of this in an earlier letter, documenting the # trees and more. This is to simply remind you of what happened—without any thought to wildlife for public sensitivity.

This was not in the public interest in any way. While I know the argument will be these are hazard trees, they were solid, standing for many years, and were not in



campgrounds, and the chance of hitting a person or a vehicle has to be about the same chance as me winning a \$400 million jackpot.

**PUDERBAUGH SALE IN HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA –
OCTOBER 2015**

Treatment descriptions can sound benign on paper, but the reality in the field is a different story. To give a sense of what Lostine will look like with “patch” cuts and “temporary” roads, look no further than the Puderbaugh sale that was supposedly a very small scale project—and should never ever have happened. No justification for logging on the rim of the deepest canyon, on a trailhead, and over sensitive meadows. Also, the Forest Service had promised to notify HCPC before the logging began, but failed to do so

